

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT
AND DESIGNATIONS

MAP 6

TRAILS

- Hike
- Bike
- Horse
- Multiple Use Trail

ROADS

- 2 - Lane Paved
- 2 - Lane Gravel
- Less than 2 - Lane Gravel or Dirt
- Railroad
- Remove

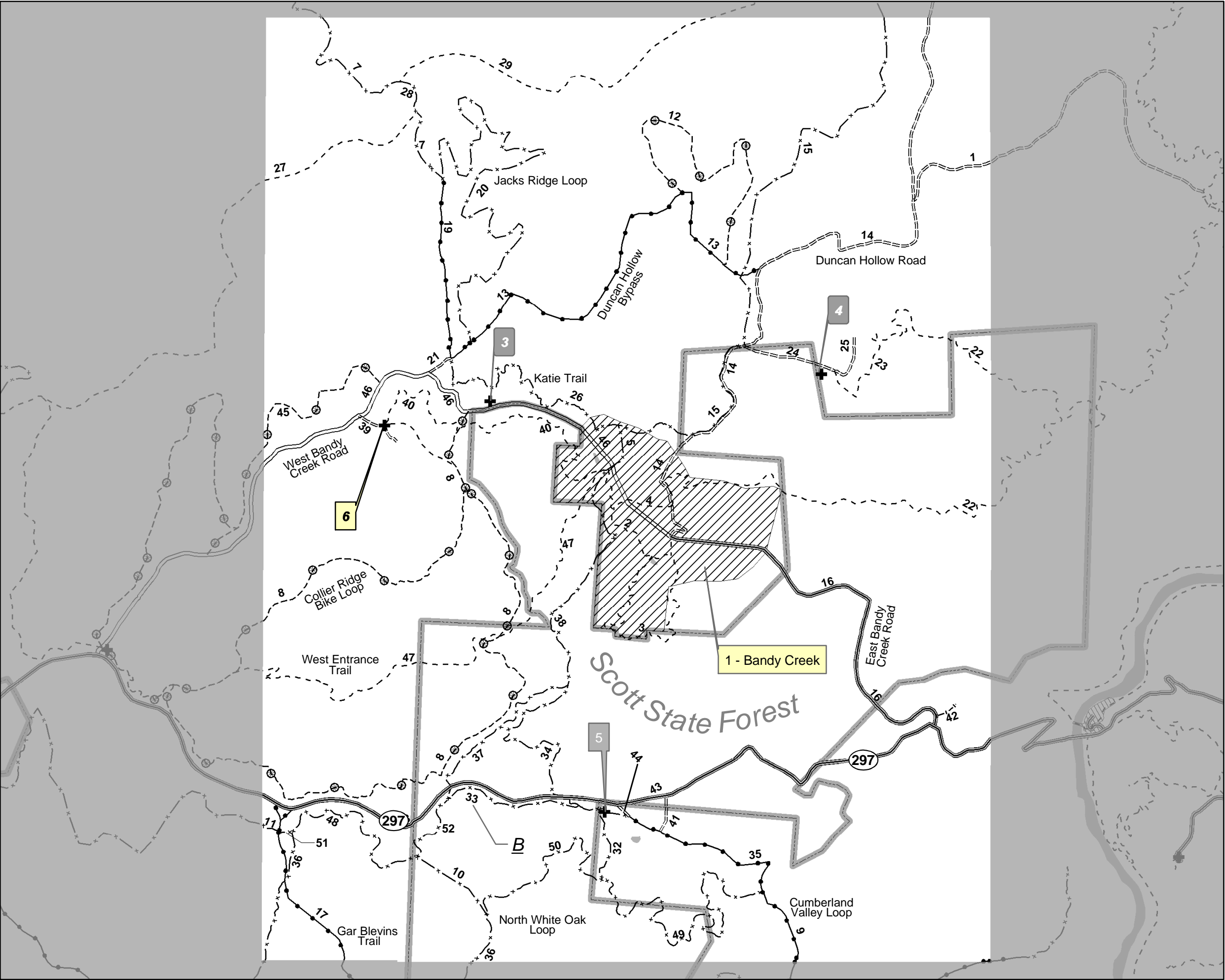
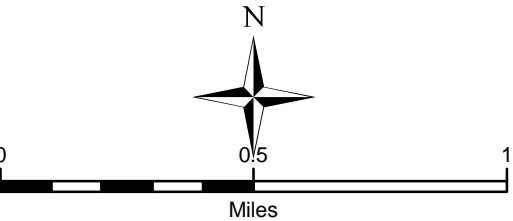
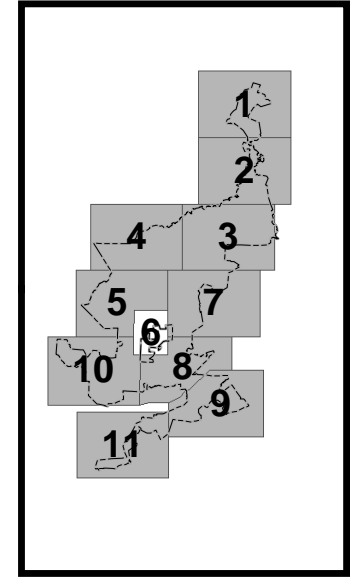
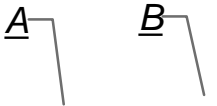
DEVELOPMENT ZONES

- First Order
- Second Order
- Access

EXISTING DEVELOPMENT ZONE

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT ZONE

ALTERNATIVES



DEVELOPMENT SITES

Bandy Creek (Map 6, Site 1)

Description: Existing designated site provides visitor information, developed campgrounds, amphitheater, picnicking, trails and trail access, play areas, horse rentals and stables. Essentially surrounded by Scott State Forest. Primary access by East Bandy Creek Road.

Alternatives/actions:

- Preferred: Continue designated uses; increase educational opportunity for school groups and others; if demand warrants, consider providing a shelter at Appaloosa Field (locate shelter outside of Sensitive Resource Protection Zone). (First Order)
- A: Continue designated uses; no changes
- B: Same as Preferred

Katie Blevins Trailhead (Map 6, Site 3)

Description: Potential new site would provide parking for trail access as well as for the cemetery and cultural site. Current parking only along road. Access would be by West Bandy Creek Road.

Alternatives/actions:

- Preferred: Site plan; provide vehicle trailhead compatible with planning for cultural site. (Access)
- A: Not included
- B: Same as Preferred

Litton Farm Trailhead (Map 6, Site 4)

Description: Potential new site would provide parking for trail access. Access would be by John Litton Road.

Alternatives/actions:

- Preferred: Site plan; provide vehicle trailhead. (Access)
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

North White Oak Loop Trailhead (Map 6, Site 5)

Description: Existing undesignated site provides trail access. Access by TN 297.

Alternatives/actions:

- Preferred: Site review; provide designated trailhead at best site and vehicle parking. (Access)
- A: Not included
- B: Same as Preferred

Oscar Blevins Farm Trailhead (Map 6, Site 6)

Description: Existing designated site provides access to farmstead. Parking substandard and very small. Access by West Bandy Creek Road.

Alternatives/actions:

- Preferred: Site review; provide all-weather surface; designate for ADA/handicapped use only. (Access)
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

ROADS AND TRAILS

Alfred Smith Road (Map 6, Road 1)

Description: Undesignated old road used by 2 and 4 wheel drive vehicles, ATVs, and horses for hunting access, backcountry driving, and riding. Conflicts occur with John Muir Trail/Grand Gap Loop users.

Alternatives/actions:

- Preferred: Site review; designate for road uses only (disallowing ATVs and horses) to vicinity of junction with Grand Gap Loop. Remove road beyond junction with Grand Gap Loop and eliminate all uses on this portion.
- A: Site review; designate multiple-use to vicinity of Grand Gap Loop. Administrative use only beyond.
- B: Same as A

Standard: 2C

Bandy Creek Amphitheater Trail (Map 6, Trail 2)

Description: Designated short foot trail

Alternatives/actions:

- Preferred: Continue use as designated.
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

Standard: F-1

Bandy Creek Loop (Map 6, Trails 2, 3, 4)

Description: Designated, easy loop foot trail near development area.

Alternatives/actions:

- Preferred: Continue use as designated. Potential for ADA design.
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

Standard: Trails 2, 3: F-1; Trail 4: F-2

Bandy Creek Trailhead to John Litton Trail Connector (Map 6, Trail 4)

Description: Designated gravel connector foot trail

Alternatives/actions:

- Preferred: Continue use as designated.
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

Standard: F-2

Bandy Stables – Katie Trail Connector (Map 6, Trail 5)

Description: Designated, heavily used, gravel horse trail connecting stables and Bandy equestrian trailhead with horse trail systems; occasional conflicts with bicycles.

Alternatives/actions:

- Preferred: Continue use as designated; disallow bicycles.
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

Standard: H-1

Black House Branch Trail (Map 6, Trails 7, 28)

Description: Designated multiple-use trail on plateau up to gorge closure; horse trail within the gorge. Multiple-use trail is located on old road used for hunting and power line access. Horse trail is gravel and also used by hikers to access Laurel Fork Creek Trail.

Alternatives/actions:

- Preferred: Designate as horse trail; continue administrative access.
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

Standard: H-2

Collier Ridge Bike Loop (Map 6, Trail 8)

Description: Designated mountain bike loop trail mostly on old roads. Shares portion with hikers using West Entrance Trail and also with occasional vehicles accessing Scott State Forest on Leonard Blevins Road. Creek crossing causing some erosion and sedimentation.

Alternatives/actions:

- Preferred: Continue use as designated. Disallow all motorized/road uses. Address creek crossing in environmentally compatible manner. (To address erosion and the creek crossing, consideration will be given to rerouting bicycle use off the segment that connects to West Bandy Creek Rd. and onto a short segment of Oscar Blevins Farm Loop. If this re-designation occurs, the segment of Collier Ridge in question would be closed and rehabilitated.)
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

Standard: Bicycle

**Cumberland Valley Loop Trail (Segment E) (aka Leatherwood Overlook Multiple Use Trail section)
(Map 6, Trail 9)**

Description: Designated multiple-use route on old road currently used by horses, hikers, bikes, 2 wheel drives, 4 wheel drives, and ATVs.

Alternatives/actions:

- Preferred: Designate as multiple-use trail
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

Standard: MU

**Cumberland Valley Loop (Segment F)
(Map 6, Trails 10, 48, 49, 50, 51)**

Description: Designated horse trail on old road (connecting trail between portions of North White Oak Loop); part of day loop ride

Alternatives/actions:

- Preferred: Continue designated horse use
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

Standard: H-3

Cumberland Valley Loop (Segment G) (aka Grooms Branch Trail) (Map 6, Trail 11)

Description: Designated, hardened horse trail and part of day loop ride.

Alternatives/actions:

- Preferred: Continue designated horse use
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

Standard: H-3

Duncan Hollow Bike Loop (Map 6, Trail 12)

Description: Designated bike trail off of Duncan Hollow Bypass

Alternatives/actions:

- Preferred: Continue designated use; potential for short spur to natural overlook
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

Standard: Bicycle

Duncan Hollow Bypass (Map 6, Trail 13)

Description: Designated horse trail; gravel connector route between Duncan Hollow Road and Jack's Ridge Loop/Road used by horses, wagons, 4 wheel drives, and bikes; also used for hunting and administrative access. Existing stream crossings (bridges) are problem for horses, and riders tend to go through the streams around bridges.

Alternatives/actions:

- Preferred: Designate for multiple use; address stream crossings
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

Standard: MU

Duncan Hollow Road (Map 6, Road 14)

Description: Designated multiple-use trail on graveled, single lane old road used by vehicles of all types, horses, bikes, and some hikers for backcountry and hunting access, access to other trails, cemeteries, gas wells and other administrative needs. This is a heavily used route with frequent user conflicts.

Alternatives/actions:

- Preferred: Redesignate as a Road suitable for 2 wheel drive vehicles. Relocate trail uses to new trail (see Duncan Hollow Trail/Segment A).
- A: Continue as designated multiple-use trail.
- B: Same as Preferred

Standard: 2C

Duncan Hollow Trail (Segment A) (Map 6, Trail 15)

Description: Potential new horse trail providing a better and safer trail experience, between Bandy Creek development area and the vicinity of the gorge closure for Duncan Hollow Multiple Use Trail

Alternatives/actions:

- Preferred: Site plan; provide new horse trail
- A: Not included
- B: Same as Preferred

Standard: H-5

East Bandy Creek Road (Map 6, Road 16)

Description: Main, paved, road access to Bandy Creek development area.

Alternatives/actions:

- Preferred: Continue use as designated.
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

Standard: 2A

Gar Blevins Multiple Use Trail (aka Gar Blevins Road) (Segment A) (Map 6, Trail 17)

Description: Existing, undesignated route used by all types of vehicles as well as horses, bikes, and hikers for access to various trails, the North White Oak Overlook, backcountry driving, hunting access, and for administrative purposes. The first half mile (approx.) is graveled and the remainder is dirt and substandard.

Alternatives/actions:

- Preferred: Site review; designate as multiple use trail to point at/near crossing of North White Oak Loop Horse Trail and provide small parking/turnaround area for vehicles; continue non-motorized access trail to overlook (see North White Oak Overlook Spur Trail). (If the NPS administrative-use-only horse facility is moved from the Oscar Blevins Farmstead to a location served by this route, then the route to this facility from TN 297 would become classified as a road and visitor uses would have to be adjusted on this route.)
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Designate the route from TN 297 to at/near the North White Oak Loop Horse Trail as an OHV route available to 4 wheel drives and ATVs only.

Standard: Preferred/A: MU; B: 4

Jack's Ridge Loop (Map 6, Trails 19, 20)

Description: Designated loop horse route also used by 2 and 4 wheel drive vehicles, ATVs, and hikers on old road portion (Segment A) for access to Charit Creek Lodge, other trails, and for administrative access.
Segment A: Trail 19; Segment B: Trail 20

Alternatives/actions:

- Preferred: Continue as loop horse trail; designate Segment A for multiple use; designate Segment B as horse/foot trail (no bicycle use)
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

Standard: Segment A: MU; Segment B: H-3

Jack's Ridge Road (Map 6, Road 21)

Description: Designated gravel and dirt road used by 2 and 4 wheel drive vehicles, horses, and hikers to access trails, hunting, and for administrative uses.

Alternatives/actions:

- Preferred: Continue public and administrative road uses only (e.g., no horse use)
- A: Same as Preferred

- B: Same as Preferred

Standard: 2C

John Litton Farm Hiking Loop (Map 6, Trails 22, 23)

Description: Designated hiking trail out of Bandy Creek area providing access to historic John Litton (Litton – Slaven) Farmstead cultural landscape. Some users choose to park vehicles on the side of John Litton Road near the gorge closure gate to make a short, direct hike to the farmstead; however, there is no designated, formal parking available. The portion from Bandy Creek to the farm is designated Segment A, and the short portion from the farm to the John Litton Road is Segment B. Loop hiking would involve using Litton road and Duncan Hollow Road to return to Bandy Creek area.

Alternatives/actions:

- Preferred: Continue designated use; provide small parking area on Litton Road
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

Standard: F-3

John Litton Road (Map 6, Roads 24, 25)

Description: Designated graveled road used by the public and administratively in 2 and 4 wheel drive vehicles and by hikers to access the Litton – Slaven farmstead. Road is partially on Scott State Forest. Route also used to access upper farm fields for overflow and group camping. Portion is used as a hiking loop. From Duncan Hollow Road to the gorge closure is designated Segment A, and on to the farm as Segment B. Visitors sometimes park along road near closure to hike to the farm. Segment B is for administrative vehicles only.

Alternatives/actions:

- Preferred: Continue designated use; provide small, designated parking area near gorge closure gate.
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

Standard: Segment A: 2C; Segment B: 5B

Katie Trail (Map 6, Trail 26)

Description: Designated gravel and dirt connector horse trail also used by some hikers.

Alternatives/actions:

- Preferred: Continue use as designated horse trail; upgrade portions to standard
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

Standard: H-4

Laurel Fork Creek Trail (Map 6, Trails 27, 28, 29)

Description: Designated hiking-only trail traversing the length of Laurel Fork Creek. A short portion is located on Black House Branch horse trail. Horses also use short portions of this hike-only trail in other areas, resulting in adverse impacts to hiking trail.

Alternatives/actions:

- Preferred: Continue use for hiking only, except that portion on Black House Branch Trail; correct impacts caused by horse use; take appropriate actions to remove horse use from other portions of trail.
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

Standard: F-3

North White Oak Loop (Segment A) (Map 6, Trail 34)

Description: Designated graveled horse trail portion from North White Oak Loop Connector to informal trailhead just south of TN 297. This is the eastern fork that crosses TN 297. This entire trail is a family-friendly day loop ride that also provides access to overlooks. The trail crosses a broad stream north of 297.

Alternatives/actions:

- Preferred: Designate as horse/foot trail – no bicycle use; monitor stream and highway crossings; tie in with proposed new trailhead south of 297.
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

Standard: H-3

North White Oak Loop (Segment B) (Map 6, Trail 35)

Description: Designated graveled horse trail portion from vicinity of TN 297 to White Pine Road Spur. This portion is used by 2 and 4 wheel drive vehicles, ATVs, bikes, and horses.

Alternatives/actions:

- Preferred: Designate as multiple-use trail
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Designate route for road use only, excluding horses; relocate horse use (see new Segment B)

Standard: Preferred/A: MU; B: 2C

North White Oak Loop (new Segment B) (Map 6, Trail 32)

Description: Proposed new portion connecting the proposed new trailhead with Segment C, relocating horse traffic off of route used by vehicles.

Alternatives/actions:

- Preferred: Not included
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Site plan; new trail

Standard: H-3

North White Oak Loop (Segment C) (aka Cumberland Valley Loop) (Map 6, Trails 36, 48, 49, 50, 52)

Description: Designated, mostly dirt, horse trail and major portion of day loop ride.

Alternatives/actions:

- Preferred: Designate as horse/foot trail – no bicycle use
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

Standard: H-3

North White Oak Loop (Segment E) (Map 6, Trail 37) (new Segment E) (Map 6, Trail 33)

Description: Designated graveled portion of horse trail from south of TN 297, crossing the highway, to the beginning of the Loop Trail. This highway crossing is the western crossing of this same loop.

Alternatives/actions:

- Preferred: Designate as horse/foot trail (no bicycle use) on existing Segment E; monitor highway crossing. If increased use indicates safety issues, evaluate relocating trail use to new route on south side of 297 eastward to the proposed new trailhead also south of the highway (this route would be the new Segment E). This would eliminate the need for two highway crossings.
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Eliminate highway crossing and provide trail south and parallel to TN 297 to proposed new trailhead.

Standard: H-3

North White Oak Loop Connector (Map 6, Trail 38)

Description: Designated gravel horse trail serving as connector from Bandy Creek Stables or Trailhead to extensive trail system south of Bandy Creek development area. Crosses through Bandy Creek.

Alternatives/actions:

- Preferred: Designate as horse/foot trail – no bicycle use; provide environmentally compatible stream crossing.
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

Standard: H-2

Oscar Blevins Farm Road (Map 6, Road 39)

Description: Designated, short gravel road used for public access to the farmstead and trailhead and administratively for the NPS horse barn operation.

Alternatives/actions:

- Preferred: Continue designated use
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

Standard: 5B

Oscar Blevins Loop (Map 6, Trails 8, 40, 47)

Description: Designated foot trail providing short hike and access to historic farmstead.

Alternatives/actions:

- Preferred: Continue use as designated. Increase interpretation. Consideration will be given to allowing bicycles on the trail between the Oscar Blevins Farm Trailhead (Development Site 6) and the Collier Ridge Bicycle Trail.
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

Standard: Trails 40, 47: F-2; Trail 8: B

Ralph Burke Road (Map 6, Road 41)

Description: Designated, short gravel road usable by 2 wheel drive vehicles to connect to multiple-use portions of North White Oak Loop and Leatherwood Overlook Trail

Alternatives/actions:

- Preferred: Continue use as designated.
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

Standard: 2C

TN 297 (Map 6, Road 43)

Description: Paved, major access route to and through National Area; access to Bandy Creek development area; used by all types of street-legal vehicles, including through commercial vehicles and trucks. Portion through gorge has very tight turns and 13% grades.

Alternatives/actions:

- Preferred: Continue use as designated. Evaluate prohibition on large vehicles to improve safety and visitor experience.
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

Standard: 1A

Thompson Field Road (Map 6, Road 42)

Description: Old road used for administrative access to field.

Alternatives/actions:

- Preferred: Remove.
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

Standard: N/A

Upper Burke Fields Road (Map 6, Road 44)

Description: Designated short, graveled, administrative road used to access agricultural lease, currently inactive; also used by visitors to access trails and Leatherwood Overlook.

Alternatives/actions:

- Preferred: Continue use and designate for public use
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

Standard: 2B

West Bandy Creek Bike Trail (Map 6, Trail 45)

Description: Designated, easily accessible, single-track mountain bike trail.

Alternatives/actions:

- Preferred: Continue use as designated.
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

Standard: B

West Bandy Creek Road (Map 6, Road 46)

Description: Designated, two-way, gravel connector road suitable for 2 wheel drive vehicles. Road used to access active cemetery, historic sites, trailheads, and as another connector between the Bandy Creek development area and TN 297. Width varies from essentially one-lane to stretches that are wide enough for oncoming vehicles to pass easily.

Alternatives/actions:

- Preferred: Continue two-way use. Site review; maintain essentially the existing narrow width, but bring to standard to allow safer on-coming vehicle passing in appropriate areas. Gravel surface.
- A: Designate one-way to maintain narrow width and bring to standard (somewhat narrower width than Preferred). Gravel surface.
- B: Continue two-way use. Site review and widen where necessary to provide for a continuous two-lane roadway. Paved.

Standard: Preferred/A: 2B; B: 2A

West Entrance Trail (Map 6, Trail 47)

Description: Designated foot trail providing access northward from trailhead to Laurel Fork Creek Trail and eastward to Oscar Blevins Loop Trail and the Bandy Creek development area. Portion also designated as part of Collier Ridge Bike Loop.

Alternatives/actions:

- Preferred: Continue as designated. Redesignate portion immediately east of West Entrance Trailhead for the additional use by bikes to provide connection with Collier Ridge Loop bike trail.
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

Standard: F-2